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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Sundstrom et al : Paper No:  
Serial No.: 09/355,664 : Group Art Unit: 1646  
Filed: October 8, 1999 : Examiner: O. Chernyshev  
For: **Modified Cytokine Receptor Protein**

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Box CPA  
Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

The present Amendment is submitted with a Request for Continued Prosecution Application. In response to the Official Action dated May 2, 2002 in the parent application, please amend the present Continued Prosecution Application as follows:

**In the Claims:**

Please amend claims 7-9 to read as follows:

7. (Amended) A modified human growth hormone receptor (hGHR) according to claim 6 having 31 or 32 terminal amino acid residues removed in its N-terminal end.

8. (Twice Amended) A modified human growth hormone receptor (hGHR) according to claim 6 having 3 or 4 terminal amino acid residues removed in its C-terminal end.